

## **Queensland's first LNG training program congratulates its first graduates**

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The first intake of 20 Operations Technicians have today graduated from the ConocoPhillips Operations Technician Foundations Training Program, marking the start of their journey as employees new to the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) industry.

ConocoPhillips, one of the largest energy companies in the world and operator of the Australia Pacific LNG facility on Curtis Island, launched the training program in July this year as a unique partnership between ConocoPhillips, Central Queensland Institute of TAFE, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and Petroskills.

Warwick King, President ConocoPhillips East, said the five-month training program was designed to help up-skill workers in an emerging industry, as well as support local employment.

"It's terrific to see our first intake of employees graduating today from an LNG training program delivered here in Gladstone.

"Over half of the group is from Gladstone, which is testament to our commitment to provide career paths for local people wishing to pursue a career in LNG," Mr King said.

The Operations Technician 'Foundations Program' is a five-month intensive course covering the fundamentals of hydrocarbon principles and LNG processing.

The graduating Operations Technicians will now move on to further training in areas specific to the facility and operational equipment, as well as in commissioning activities, as Australia Pacific LNG prepares to commence operations in mid-2015.

Recruitment for Australia Pacific LNG Operations Technicians and support staff will continue through 2014.

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

#### **About ConocoPhillips Australia**

ConocoPhillips is the downstream operator of the Australia Pacific LNG facility on Curtis Island. It is currently under construction, but will require almost 175 full-time, locally based employees to manage and run the two-train facility from 2015.

ConocoPhillips is a global oil and gas exploration and production company. With extensive operations in Australia and the Timor Sea, operations and exploration projects across

Western Australia, Queensland, the Northern Territory and Timor-Leste, with a focus on innovation, safety and sustainability.

Headquartered in Houston, Texas, ConocoPhillips had operations and activities in 30 countries, \$55 billion in annualized revenue, \$117 billion of total assets, and approximately 17,500 employees as of June 30, 2013. Production from continuing operations averaged 1,531 MBOED for the six months ended June 30, 2013, and proved reserves were 8.6 billion BOE as of Dec. 31, 2012. [www.conocophillips.com.au](http://www.conocophillips.com.au)

### **About Australia Pacific LNG**

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited is an incorporated joint venture between Origin Energy Limited (37.5%), ConocoPhillips (37.5%) and Sinopec (25%). The Australia Pacific LNG project includes the development of Australia Pacific LNG's substantial coal seam gas resources in the Surat and Bowen Basins, a 530 km transmission pipeline, and a multi-train LNG facility on Curtis Island, near Gladstone. [www.aplng.com.au](http://www.aplng.com.au)